(d) whether the instruction mentioned in part (c) above were allegedly demanded to be scrapped by Dr. Mahadipak Singh Shakya, MP (Lok Sabha) through his letter dated the 12th June, 1990 addressed to the then Prime Minister; and

(e) if so, action taken in this regard? regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) to (c) The instructions contained in Deptt. of Personnel and Training (DOPT) O.M. No. 36011/14/83-Estt. (SCT), dated 30-4-1983 and 30-9-1983 are being followed for purposes of making ad hoc promotions to the post of Under Secretaries in the Ministry of Finance. These instructions, *inter alia*, provide that SC/ST candidates, who are within the number of actual vacancies in accordance with their general seniority and if they are not adjudged unfit should all be promoted on ad hoc basis. If, however, the number of SC/ST candidates found fit within the range of actual vacancies is less than the number of vacancies identified as falling in their share, then additional SC/ST candidates to the extent required should be located by going down the seniority list but within five times the number of vacancies filled on a particular occasion, subject to their eligibility and fitness.

Accordingly, one SC officer in 1990 and two SC officers in 1991 till date have been promoted as Under Secretaries on ad-hoc basis.

(d) and (e) Dr. Mahadipak Singh Shakya, M.P. had demanded scrapping of the DOPT's instructions dated 30-9-1983 through a letter addressed to the then Prime Minister (Shri V. P. Singh). The Department of Personnel and Training, to whom the matter was referred as the nodal Department for reservations for SC/ST in the Government service, have not found this suggestion as feasible in view of short-term nature of ad hoc promotions.

Flight of Deposits from Banks

1101. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact tha depositor are withdrawing their savings from bank due to Government's decision to tax th interest on deposits;

(b) whether it is also a fact that th World Bank and International Monetar Fund wanted interest rates to be raise so as to attract savings; and

(c) if so, how does Government pro pose to halt the flight of deposits fror banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TH MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DAI BIR SINGH): (a) The deposits of a Scheduled Commercial Banks have in creased from Rs. 208317 crores as c 20th September, 91 to Rs. 215503 crore as on 15th November, 1991. It woul thus be seen that total deposits in abso lute terms have not decreased.

(b) and (c) The Reserve Bank of Ind (RBI) reviews the interest rate structu on deposits from time to time, keepin in view certain factors like, growth ra of economy and its subsectors, the rate inflation, the pace of monetary expansio the cost of raising resources by bank the profitability of banks etc. As a resu of such a review, the last revision in ti interest rate structure was made on 9 October, 1991. The trends in the grow of bank deposits remain under consta review of Reserve Bank of India ar Government and corrective steps a taken whenever called for.

Bill for creaation of a Legislative Council in A.P.

1102. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHA REDDY: Will the Minister of LA JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAI be pleased to state by when Governme propose to reintroduce the Bill for cre tion of a Legislative Council in Andh Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): The matter is under consideration of the Government and a decision is likely to be taken shortly.

उच्च न्यायालयों और उच्चतम न्यायलय के न्यायाधीशों में अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों और अल्पसंख्यकों की संख्या

1103. **श्री राम अवधेश सिंह:** क्या **विधि, न्याय और कंपनी कार्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) प्रत्येक राज्य में उच्च न्यायालयों में न्यायाधीशों के रिक्त पदों की संख्या कितनी है;

(ख) समस्त राज्यों में उच्च न्यायालयों में पिछड़ी जातियों, अल्पसंख्यक समुदायों, अनुसूचित जातियों और अनुसूचित जनजातियों के न्यायाधीशों की संख्या कितनी है; और

(ग) उच्चतम न्यायालय में उपर्युक्त श्रेणियों के न्यायाधीशों की संख्या कितनी है?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और विधि, न्याय तथा कम्पनी कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रंगराजन कुमारमंगलम्): (क) अपेक्षित जानकारी संलग्न विवरण में दी गई है। (**नीचे देखिए**)

(ख) अपेक्षित जानकारी, उच्च न्यायालयों की रजिस्ट्रियों से एकत्रित की जा रही हैं और प्राप्त हो जाने के पश्चात् वह सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

(ग) उच्चतम न्यायालय की रजिस्ट्री ने यह सूचना दी है कि पिछड़ी जातियों, अल्पसंख्यक समुदायों, अनुसूचित जातियों और अनुसूचित जनजातियों के न्यायाधीशों की बाबत उनके पास कोई जानकारी नहीं है।

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Strike in Tis Hazari Courts

1104. SHRI MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a strike is going on in Tis Hazari Courts of New Delhi since August, 1991;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what are the issues behind the strike;